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MEETING	AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE (ASC)
DATE	Monday, 14th June, 2010 to follow the SACRE meeting AT approximately 5.30 pm
VENUE	CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - CIVIC CENTRE
SACRE CLERK	KATE SIMONDS 023 8083 2413 Email: kate.simonds@southampton.gov.uk
MEMBERS	SEE ATTACHED LIST

A G E N D A

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP**
2. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING**

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2010, attached.

5. **UPDATE FROM THE SECONDARY PHASE INSPECTOR**

To consider verbal updates regarding:

- Timeline for implementation
- Funding and resources
- Process for ratification of Agreed Syllabus

Friday, 4 June 2010

SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP

GROUP A

Christian Denominations*

(Religions and other bodies listed in the SACRE Constitution)*

The Roman Catholic Church	Rev David Sillince
The Baptists	Rev David Turner
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Bridget Goom
The Greek Orthodox Church	Gregory Hadjikyriacou
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	Mrs Margaret Blake
The Methodist Church	Ms Gail Ratcliffe
The United Reformed Church	Vacancy
The Assemblies of God	
Peter Howard	
The Salvation Army	Major Ruth Hill

Other Religions (6)

Religions other than Christianity (as listed in the SACRE Constitution) – Baha'i, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism = 6

Baha'i	Jeff Lynn
Buddhist	David Vane
Hindu	Priti Dave
Jewish	Ms Mag Kushner
Muslim	Anas Al-Korj
Sikh	Bharpoor Singh

GROUP B

(Four representatives of the Church of England)

The Church of England

Tony Blackshaw
Rev Canon Geoff Annas
Anne Steele-Arnett
Lilian Weatherley

GROUP C

(Six teachers representing associations recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation)

National Union of Teachers (NUT)	Jackie Meering
The National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)	Mr D Parrott
Voice	Mr R Palmer
The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)	Julian Bryant
Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)	Ruth Evans
National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)	Ellen Humphries

GROUP D

(4+substitute) - Four representatives of the Southampton City Council, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the City Council)

Southampton City Council

Councillor Carol Cunio
Councillor Parvin Damani (CHAIR)
Councillor Edward Daunt (VICE-CHAIR)
Councillor Brian Parnell

GROUP D SUBSTITUTE

Mrs. K. Martin

OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Humanism	Ms. Chris Robinson
Primary School RE Teacher	Anna Adams

OBSERVERS

Central Baptist Church	Rev. David Masters
Representative of Teachers' Subject Network/Aspirant Advanced Skills Teacher (RE)	Sian Roberts

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Agenda Item 4

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2010 AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Group A Members

Anas Al-Korj	Muslim
Jeff Lynn	Baha'i
Bridget Goom	The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Mrs Margaret Blake	The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches
Ms Gail Ratcliffe	Methodist Church

Group B Members

Lilian Weatherley	The Church of England
Rev Canon Geoff Annas	The Church of England

Group C Members

Jackie Meering	National Union of Teachers (NUT)
Ellen Humphries	National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)

Group D Members

Councillor Edward Daunt (Vice-Chair)	Southampton City Council
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CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Chris Robinson	South Hampshire Humanists
Sian Roberts	Representative of Teachers' Subject Network/Aspirant Advanced Skills Teacher (RE)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Langdon – Secondary Phase Inspector	Southampton City Council
Kate Simonds – Democratic Support Officer	Southampton City Council

COUNCILLOR DAUNT IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:-

Group A

Mag Kushner	Jewish Representative
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Group C

Ruth Evans	Association of School and College Leaders – (ASCL)
Mr D Parrott	The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)

Group D

Councillor Damani Southampton City Council

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

3. **REVIEW OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS**

The SACRE reviewed and noted a verbal update provided by the Secondary Phase Inspector with regard to the issues discussed at, and arising from, the Agreed Syllabus Review meeting held on 19 October 2009.

The SACRE noted that:-

- the representative for the writing group had now attended three writing groups;
- the Agreed Syllabus needed to be accessible to *all* children, particularly because Ofsted were assessing vulnerable groups;
- the Agreed Syllabus needed to be fit for purpose and support teachers to deliver, playing a key role in personal learning and thinking and also community cohesion.

The representative for the writing group reported that there were no changes regarding content of the Agreed Syllabus and the SACRE noted inclusion of the following:-

- national strategies;
- the easy to access and user friendly format;
- the updates to the Constitution regarding Humanism and Bahaii.
- recent updated Primary changes;
- possible changes regarding Assessing Pupil Progress (APP) and the way this may expand to cover a wider range of subjects as opposed to the core subjects.

The SACRE further noted that provisional dates for the sign off of the Agreed Syllabus by SACRE together with the confirmed dates for the Heads' Conferences for Primary schools were as follows:-

- 26 April 2010 (SACRE sign off)
- 25 March 2010 (Heads' Conference)
- 27 May 2010 (Heads' Conference)
- 25 June 2010 (ASC sign off).

In addition, the following points were received and noted:-

- that the budget should include *some* allocation for training teachers with regard to Religious Education and that time was needed to be set aside to do this.
- that the national strategy funding was only allocated to core subjects, excluding RE.

A discussion concerning the best way to 'roll out' the new Agreed Syllabus and various practicalities took place.

RESOLVED

- (i) that future meeting dates of the Agreed Syllabus Conference for SACRE be confirmed;
- (ii) that the Hampshire Inspector be requested to provide a detailed time line for the implementation and 'roll out' of the Agreed Syllabus;
and
- (iii) that Councillor Daunt be requested to investigate the distribution of the Agreed Syllabus (electronic or hard copies).

4. FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION ON THE WRITING GROUP

There was no significant feedback to note, other than that already mentioned in Item 5 above.

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